Matrix Project EE-1390

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Geometrical Question

The point diametrically opposite to the point P(1,0) on the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 4y - 3 = 0$ is

Matrix Transformation

Given circle in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T + \mathbf{x} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

Solution in terms of Matrix

General equation of circle in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T - 2\mathbf{x}\mathbf{c}^T = r^2 - \mathbf{c}\mathbf{c}^T$$

 Here, on comparing with our equation

$$-2\mathbf{c}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Centre of circle $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$
- $r^2 cc^T = 3$
- $r^2 5 = 3$
- Radius of circle $r = 2^{3/2}$

Solution contd...

- Given P(1,0) is the point on the circle
- Let Q(a,b) be the diametrically opposite point to P
- As Q(a, b) lies on circle and diametrically opposite to P(1, 0)
- So ,
- C is the mid point of P(1,0) and Q(a,b)

Solution contd...

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$$C = \frac{P+Q}{2}$$

- Q = 2C-P
- $Q = 2\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $Q = [-3 \quad -4]$
- Therefore,
- $Q=\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ is the diametrically opposite point to P(1,0)

Figure

